

The recent proposed rule making regarding the recording of ALL radio content in the non-safe harbor hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. each night is extrememly illadvised when weighed against the frequency of reported indecency. It's akin to hunting mice with an elephant gun.

The cost of compliance would require us to purchase all new slow-recording equipment that, frankly, most of us have not used in years. Additionallly, we would have to pay for remodeling to provide storage for such tapes, not to mention the personnel cost of taping. All this in light of the fact that we have never been cited for any indecent programming, and I dare say most broadcasters have not.

Please reconsider your proposal to deal with those who DO choose to program such material and against which a claim is actually made.

Most of us broadcasters have always attempted to police our operations with the simple litmus test of: if you can't play it for your wife, kids or friends without embarassment or a protracted explanation or defense...DON'T DO IT. For those operators who may have walked the proposed forfeitures have resulted in many industry meetings about greater self-policing of our airwaves.

We know the American people and the FCC are serious about indecency. Give us a chance to do the right thing recognizing that those who don't will be severely penalized. The current proposals before the Commission and Congress with respect to indecency are more than sufficient to address the problem. Please don't force responsible broadcasters to invest unwarranted time and dollars to comply with taping standards that really don't address "prevention."

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